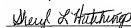


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In response to the Detailed Action section of the Notice of Allowability transmitted with the Notice of Allowance for the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks being on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please delete the Abstract and replace with the following Abstract in single paragraph form:

An e-mail management apparatus is provided, which enables a customer to select an active e-mail account freely and to read e-mails stored in the mailbox corresponding to the inactive e-mail account. E-mail management apparatus receives an e-mail transmitted from a node in the Internet, stores the received e-mail in a storage location corresponding to a terminal identifier, the terminal identifier corresponding to an e-mail account, and the e-mail account corresponding to the destination e-mail address of the e-mail forwards the received e-mail to the communication terminal designated by the terminal identifier corresponding to the e-mail account, when the e-mail account corresponding to the destination e-mail address of the e-mail is active. E-mail management apparatus transfers e-mails stored in the storage location to the communication terminal designated by a terminal identifier, in response to a request of a transmission of e-mails stored in the storage location corresponding to the terminal identifier.

Remarks:

Applicant has amended the Abstract to put it into single paragraph form. No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amended Abstract.

Upon entry of the above-described amendment, Applicant believes that the application is in condition for issue. Applicant has provided separately a Fee(s) Transmittal with this Amendment to submit the Issue Fee and Publication Fee.

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